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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of January 25, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response has been extended by one month to expire on May 25, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.